

Easy Elegant Baby Afghan

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This is so simple but looks so cute! You can do this in one or two colors – I prefer one. You will need 14 ounces of yarn, and a size H crochet hook. For the blanket pictured, I used two 7-oz. skeins of Red Heart Super Saver in Orchid. Finished size should be around 27 inches wide by 36 inches long.

Chain 77 (multiples of 3, plus 2) – should be about 21 inches long. To make bigger, just chain additional multiples of 3.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across (76 stitches). Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in the first stitch. *Ch 2, skip 2 stitches, sc in the next stitch. Repeat from * across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Sc in the first stitch. Work 2 sc in the next chain-2 space. *Ch 1, skip the next sc stitch, work 2 sc in the next chain-2 space. Repeat from * across, ending with a sc in the last sc stitch. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in the first stitch. *Ch 2, skip 2 sc stitches, sc in the next chain-1 space. Repeat from * across, ending with ch 2, sc in last stitch. Ch 1, turn.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until blanket measures 31 inches long. Work **final row** as follows: Sc in each stitch across (76 stitches). Do not fasten off.

Edging: Round 1: Chain 1, turn, work a round of sc all around the outside of the blanket, working 3 sc in each corner. Join with a slip stitch in the first sc of this round.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same stitch as joining. *Chain 2, skip 2 stitches, sc in the next stitch. Repeat from * around, but on the corners skip only 1 stitch between single crochets. Slip stitch in first sc to join.

Round 3: Slip stitch into the next chain-2 space, ch 1. In same space, work 2 sc. *Ch 1, skip the next sc stitch, work 2 sc in the next chain-2 space. Repeat from * around, but at the corners work 4 sc rather than 2 into the ch-2 spaces. Join with a slip stitch in the first sc.

Round 4: Slip stitch into the next sc and into the next chain space. Chain 5. Skip the next 2 sc and dc in the next ch-1 space. *Chain 2, skip the next 2 sc stitches. Dc into the next ch-1 space. Repeat from * around, but at each corner work (dc, chain 2, dc, chain 2, dc).

Join with slip stitch in the 3rd chain of the beginning chain 5.

Round 5: Chain 1, work 2 sc in the chain space. Ch 1, skip the next dc stitch. *Work 2 sc in the next ch-2 space. Chain 1, skip the next dc stitch. Repeat from * around, Join with slip stitch in the first sc of the round.

Round 6: Slip stitch into the next sc and in the next ch-1 space. Ch 3. In the same chain space, work 2 dc. *Skip the next 2 sc stitches, work 3 dc in the next chain-1 space. Repeat from * around, but at the corners work 5 dc rather than 3, at least twice so that the corner does not curl. Join with a slip stitch in the top of the initial ch-3.

Round 7: Chain 3, dc in each of the next two stitches. Sideways around the base of those 2 double crochets, loosely work 2 sc. *Dc in each of the next three stitches. Loosely work 2 sc around the base of the last two double crochets just worked (leave the 1st DC of the 3 alone). Repeat from * around. At the corners where there are 5 dc groups rather than 3 dc, work as follows:

[DC in each of the 1st 3 dcs, work 2 sc around the last 2 dc's just worked. DC in the same stitch as the last dc and in the last 2 dc's of the 5-dc group. Work 2 sc around the last two double crochets just worked.]

Join with a slip stitch in the top of the initial chain 3. Fasten off and hide yarn tails.

If desired, white ribbon (or any coordinating color) can be woven through the dc's of round 4. To do this, cut two 48-inch lengths of 3/8 inch wide ribbon, and two 39-inch lengths. Weave them shiny side up and tie into bows at each corner. (An 18 foot roll is plenty).

Note: If your afghan is a different finished size than described here, just measure two ribbons 12 inches longer than the total length of the blanket, and two ribbons 12 inches longer than the total width of the blanket.

